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1. JACK MURPHY, TWA GOVT. CARGO SALES REP., AND CHARLES SYKES, ATHENS MANAGER OF TWA, DISCUSSED WITH COUNSELOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND CRO NEW PROCEDURES BEING INSTITUTED BY TWA TO PREVENT FUTURE DELAYS OF DIPLOMATIC POUCHES AT JFK. MOST IMPORTANT INNOVATION APPEARS TO BE THAT POUCHES WILL TRAVEL WITHIN PASSENGER LUGGAGE CONTAINERS AND NOT WITH OTHER AIR FREIGHT WHICH NOW SUBJECT TO BEING BUMPED OFF AIRCRAFT CARRYING HEAVY MAIL LOADS. THE PROCEDURE WILL REQUIRE TWA ATHENS EMPLOYEE TO COVER UNLOADING OF PASSENGER BAGGAGE TO PREVENT POUCHES FROM INADVERTENTLY BEING SENT TO PASSENGER ARRIVAL AREA OF TERMINAL. QUESTION AROSE RE EFFECT OF PEAK SUMMER PASSENGER TRAVEL WHEN LOCAL AIRPORT CONDITIONS UNUSUALLY CHAOTIC. SYKES AND MURPHY BOTH BELIEVE POUCHES DISTINCT ENOUGH IN APPEARANCE NOT TO BE MISTAKEN FOR PASSENGER BAGGAGE. SECOND NEW FEATURE WILL BE TO PLACE ONE COPY OF AWB IN NEWLY TO ONE OF POUCHES TRAVELLING ON AWB. DESIGNED ENVELOPE THAT WILL BE ATTACHED SECOND COPY OF AWB WILL BE MANIFESTED WITH PASSENGER BAGGAGE. THIRD CHANGE IN PROCEDURE WILL BE TO ATTACH TICKET TO ALL POUCHES WHICH WILL CONTAIN AWB AND FLIGHT INFORMATION. IF MORE THAN ONE POUCH TRAVELS ON A SINGLE AWB, ALL POUCHES CAN BE IDENTIFIED SHOULD THE AWB BECOME SEPARATED OR LOST.

2. EMBASSY CLEANING UP ITS OWN PROCEDURES FOR THE HANDLING OF INCOMING POUCHES. WE EXPECT VERY FEW PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN ATHENS 475.

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3. MURPHY STATED TWA LOOKING FOR NEW METHODS OF INCREASING GOVERNMENT-GENERATED REVENUE, AND ESPECIALLY THAT RECEIVED FROM STATE. HE MENTIONED SPECIAL RATES OUTSIDE IATA FRAMEWORK OFFERED BY TWA FOR MOVEMENT SPECIAL CARGO. DEPT MAY WISH PURSUE THIS.

4. MEETING EXCEEDINGLY AMIABLE. WE EXPECT IMPROVEMENT IN TWA HANDLING OF CARGO BY THE EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT.

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